

**Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council
Public Awareness Committee Meeting Minutes**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES: 7/23/2018

Present: Johanna Bishop (Wilmington University), Erin Connelly (Department of Correction), Diane Glenn (Dover Police, Victim Services), Kelly Head (Community Legal Aid Society), Debbie Reed (Delaware State Police Victim Services), Patty D'Angelo (for Zoe Ministries), Kimberly Williams (State Representative). One member of the general public.

Introductions: Diane Glenn, asked all members present from the newly formed Public Awareness and Prevention Subcommittee give a brief introduction before getting started on the agenda.

Training Announcements: Wilmington University's upcoming Human Trafficking Symposium will be held on Thursday, August 9, 2018. The Symposium will feature Barbara Amaya, author of "Nobody's Girl" and a survivor of trafficking. Ms. Amaya was trafficked out of Washington, D.C. when she was twelve years old. Part of her discussion will center on what to do when a former child trafficking victim has reached the "age of majority." For more information or to register: <http://events.wilmu.edu/site/academiccolleges/event/3rd-annual-human-trafficking-symposium/>.

A special two hour session will be held for law enforcement officers as well. At this session they will be able to personally ask questions to Ms. Amaya about her experience growing up and being trafficked. This training has been only advertised in the law enforcement community and more information can be obtained through Major Meadows of Delaware State Police.

Kelly Head stated that she will be soon be presenting at a parent's night as part of the Migrant Education Program about labor trafficking, and that labor trafficking isn't focused on as much as sex trafficking.

General Discussions: Subcommittee members provided information on prevention, awareness and training forums that are being held in all three counties on the topic of modern day slavery in Delaware and across the nation. There is a small group of state agencies, law enforcement and local nonprofit groups working to educate Delawareans on human trafficking. Topics discussed include: dangers and risks, signs of human trafficking, resources and assistance that is available throughout our state. Good work has begun to educate and make the public more aware. The Public Awareness and Prevention Subcommittee wants to expand these efforts in Delaware to focus on the growing concerns over human labor and sex trafficking.

Discussion also centered on the following topics and will be further discussed as we continue to meet and work together to provide meaningful education and awareness activities.

- **Statewide Calendar of HT Events/Forums:** There was discussion about creating a Public Calendar of Events that includes information on upcoming trainings, educational forums and awareness activities as related to the issue of human labor and sex trafficking. Diane Glenn will follow up with Leslie Brower on how we can place upcoming events on the HTICC website and then the subcommittee will explore ways to inform the general public.
- **Defining public awareness:** Our goal is to provide a comprehensive and collective plan to inform, educate and provide materials to teach Delawareans about national and state issues regarding human trafficking. It is our goal to expand upon the good work that has begun in our state.
- Members engaged in an open dialogue about making sure that our HTICC Public Awareness and Education Committee did not overlap with training issues that will be discussed by the newly formed HTICC Training Subcommittee. Johanna Bishop guided us to define in general terms the difference between training and education. She noted that training involves objectives with no assessment, and education involves objectives and an assessment.
- Representative Kimberly Williams stated that she will work closely with us on any legislative changes that that may need to be reviewed or changes in Delaware. She also shared her concern about the elimination of the HT Court. She is concerned that human trafficking victims who have criminal records are not being provided a support system and know that there are services and assistance available. To further be discussed within the HTICC meetings.
- Suggested by group members that labor and human trafficking education should be mandated for all teachers, school employees and education professionals. We will continue to have discussion around this topic as the group evolves.
- Delaware State Police Victim Advocates are accompanying law enforcement officer on prostitution stings, throughout the state when possible to provide direct services, information and guidance to victims of human trafficking.
- The YMCA Sexual Assault Resource Center provides informational referral and resources to general public and victims.
- Overview of Zoe Ministries and the outreach campaigns throughout the state to educate people on the effects of human trafficking. Next week a Zoe will be presenting to the medical community on human labor and sex trafficking.
- DelDOT has offered public awareness and education training and education to transportation drivers in our state. The subcommittee wants to learn more about these programs and see how we can work together.
- Department of Correction at Baylor Women's Correctional Institution provides human trafficking information to women of the institution who participate in a self-help program. Also, the Department Correction has created a flyer/pamphlet that will be given to all women on probation throughout the state. Still in draft format and the

department is also seeking to educate and inform all in-takes officers on labor and sex trafficking signs, dangers, risks, assistance and resources.

- Wilmington University offering courses, certificate programs and a possible graduate level study in human trafficking.
- It was discussed that the Public Awareness Subcommittee needs to look into adding a member who is tech savvy and can help us to explore social media campaigns. Diane Glenn will follow up with two members of the community to see if one of them would be willing to serve.

Subcommittee members also discussed various populations that can be targeted. There were many suggestions such as: Transportation, immigrants, adult and juvenile detention centers, medical community, hotel associations, and the general public. Discussion also on the various forms of communication that may best communicate the message effectively to the targeted populations. Forms of communication include: public service announcement, radio and television time, newspaper articles, bus and train advertisements, and social media. The Public Awareness and Prevention Subcommittee will continue to discuss, review and develop campaigns that are beneficial to the goals and mission of the HTICC and the subcommittee.

As we continue to meet we will continue to discuss what other organization are doing on a local or state level. The committee will continue to engage in an open dialogue with our community partners on education and prevention measures and how it affects men, women and children.

Public Remarks: Ms. Goldner stated that we need to talk about the “demand” side, and about whether we are shaming people who own the massage parlors.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, September 5, at 10:00 AM** at **Wilmington University in New Castle.**

**Delaware Human Trafficking Interagency
Coordinating Council
Public Awareness/Prevention Subcommittee**

The next scheduled meeting of the **HTICC Public Awareness/Prevention Subcommittee** is:

September 5, 2018 @ 10:00 AM
Wilmington University
320 N. DuPont Highway
Room 214 People's Building
New Castle, DE 19720

Please remember that you can send a designee from your agency if you are unable to attend. The Agenda for the next meeting is listed below. If you have any questions please feel free to email me or call me at 302-736-7134.

AGENDA

September 5, 2018

1. Welcome
2. Review stated goals and determine long term v. short term
3. Discussion – Web based calendar of events for Human Trafficking Presentations
4. Discussion and plan to engage other stakeholders in awareness activities and prevention
5. New Business
6. Next Meeting